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HOUSE BILL NO. 1029

Introduced by: The Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Department of Health

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain requirements pertaining to the placement
2 of physician assistants.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 36-4A-19 be amended to read as follows:

5 36-4A-19. The South Dakota State Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners shall ~~have~~
6 ~~authority over and be responsible~~ provide for the placement of physician's assistants. ~~For the~~
7 ~~initial application, the secretary of the state department of health and the appropriate board or~~
8 ~~boards of county commissioners or governing board or boards of a municipality or~~
9 ~~municipalities, shall submit written recommendations as to the board's placement.~~ The board shall
10 notify the physician who has made application to place a physician's assistant of the board's
11 affirmative or negative decision regarding the placement. In placing physician's assistants the
12 board may consider:

- 13 (1) The distance between the employer physician and the physician's assistant;
- 14 (2) The ability of the employer physician to adequately provide supervision as required
- 15 by law and good medical practice; and

1 (3) The consistency between the type and scope of medical practice of the employer
2 physician and the proposed medical practice of the physician's assistant.

3 In addition, if the proposed office of the physician's assistant is separate from the main office
4 of the employer physician, the board may also consider the availability or nonavailability of
5 medical services in the proposed location of the physician's assistant and such specific
6 requirements as the board may provide as a condition precedent to approving a particular
7 placement.